



How to Reattach a Broken Piece of Wood

Learn how to reattach a wood fragment that has broken off a piece of wood furniture.

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INTRODUCTION

These instructions provide a simple technique for reattaching a broken piece of wood to any type of furniture. We demonstrate this technique on a nightstand, but it can be used on any wooden surface that needs to be fixed. No carpentry skill is required to complete this repair.



TOOLS:

- [Cleaning Rag](#) (1)
- [Wood Glue](#) (1)
- [Small Paintbrush](#) (1)
- [Clamp](#) (1)
- [Utility Knife](#) (1)

Optional

Step 1 — How to Reattach a Broken Piece of Wood



- Dust the surface of the fragment and the damaged area of the furniture.
 - Any household cleaner will work; we recommend a damp rag.
- ⚠ Clean carefully, making sure not to cause further damage by splintering the fragment.

Step 2



- Check that the fragment fits well into the break in the furniture.
 - ❗ If the fragment does not fit perfectly, cut away any irregular slivers on the fragment using a utility knife to achieve as neat of a fit as possible.

Step 3



- Apply glue to both the fragment and the furniture.
 - Check that the glue is spread evenly throughout both pieces.
 - ❗ Using a brush to spread the glue to all crevices is most effective.

Step 4



- Insert the wood fragment into the glued spot on the furniture.

Step 5



- Wipe away any excess glue using a damp rag.
- ⚠ Be careful not to move the fragment out of alignment as you are wiping.

Step 6



- Clamp the two pieces together.
 - You can use any type of clamp that you have on hand. If you don't have a clamp, any type of clip would work.
 - Wait 30 minutes for the glue to dry before removing the clamp.
- ⚠ Be careful not to bump the fragment out of alignment as you are clamping.

Continue using furniture as you had before!

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